

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION
NO. 5:23-HC-2273

WILLIAM STEVENSON PHILLIPS,

Petitioner,

v.

TODD ISHEE, Secretary, North
Carolina Department of Adult
Correction,

Respondent.

MOTION TO SEAL

28 U.S.C. § 2254
Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2
Local Civil Rule 79.2

Respondent seeks to protect from public disclosure the identity of the minor victim of Petitioner's sex offenses. To that end, Respondent seeks to seal the following exhibits attached to Respondent's motion to dismiss and supporting memorandum:

- Exhibit 3 – Petitioner's Appellant Brief in the N.C. Court of Appeals (NCCOA);
- Exhibit 4 – State's Appellee Brief in NCCOA;
- Exhibit 5 – Petitioner's Reply Brief in NCCOA;
- Exhibit 7 – Petition for Discretionary Review in the N.C. Supreme Court (NCSC);
- Exhibit 8 – State's Response to PDR in NCSC;

For the reasons and authorities set forth in the supporting materials, this Court should protect the identity of the minor victim of sexual abuse. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3509(d)(2); Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2.

Respectfully submitted, this the 16th day of October, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on 16 October 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing MOTION TO SEAL with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification to the following: N/A, and I hereby certify that I have mailed the foregoing MOTION TO SEAL to the following non CM/ECF participants:

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